

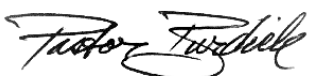
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St. John's Weekly Newsletter May 05, 2024

This Sunday evening will be the final "huddle" for the men of St. John's studying the book Man Up!. I'm glad that thirty men have given it their attention and time. The overarching theme of the book is that no man exists for himself. We live for the sake of others. No guy but Jesus does this to perfection. We strive, though, and this book has made some good men better. Here are some of the ideas you find in Man Up! These are good for men and women to consider....

- Growth into "mature manhood" (Eph 4:13) is not growth in independence, prowess, productivity...it is growth as a Christian. (p. 121)
- Nice is not the same as *good*. Jesus is good, perfectly good, to be sure. But He's not nice ... If you cross Him, you won't find Him spineless, ineffective, or agreeable. (129)
- "Man up!" then is first of all an exhortation to consider the work of the perfect Man, the incarnate God, Jesus Christ. Look at Him, the Man up on the cross. (145)
- Fight like Jesus. (269)
- Find mentors. Hear the martyrs. Practice sacrifice. Cultivate satisfaction. Be present. Quit escaping. Keep going. Aim for significance -- not success. Make things. Have a family altar. (chapter 12 subtitles)
- "I hope this book has frustrated you. It might make me a jerk, but that has been partly my intent. I want the ideal of masculinity to call you to higher aims and more noble pursuits."
—Jeff Hemmer (313)

The Church, including our congregation, needs men who are growing in godly character and truthful confession. *This is good for men, women, and children.* If you didn't get in on this series of huddles around the book, it's not too late. Reach out to me. We can study it again, or you can read it for yourself (we have more copies). There's only one perfect Man, Jesus the Christ. Following Him, we are all better together.



Many households took the training last summer to serve on Communionware Teams. Thank you. We ask that you take time to sign up on the hallway bulletin board for the time(s) you can serve. You don't have to serve the entire weekend. See the bulletin board and choose a slot in which you can fill, or transition after a Service, or clean and put away after the final Service. Since we have created the new Sacristy, your service has been made easier. The youth and their parents who have been trained are encouraged to serve together. If you are interested in being trained, or have questions, please speak with Lisa Norton, Altar Guild Chair. Thank you!

****No Adult Bible Class in the fellowship hall today, as Pastor and the Confirmands will be preparing for the 10:30am Service.****



Trey Dille will be ordained into the Holy Ministry on Saturday, June 1, at his home congregation, Immanuel Lutheran Church in St. Charles, MO. Members of our congregation will be invited, and we will make further details known. He will be installed as St. John's Associate Pastor on June 16 in an afternoon Service. It will be a special day of celebration, joy, welcoming, and holy vows. The time is yet to be determined. Trey and Katie might move into the parsonage as early as May 31, as the seminary needs some students to move out soon as they make room for incoming students.

Thursday, May 9, at 6:30 pm let's join Immanuel Lutheran in Altamont for their Ascension Day Service! - Pastor Burdick

CAN YOU HELP?

The Board of Trustees could use your help on Saturday, May 11, beginning at 8:30 a.m. We will be doing yard work at the houses on Oak Street to get ready for our new Associate Pastor Trey & Katie Dille.

If you have a garden rake or shovel, please bring them with you.

Thanks for your help.
Board of Trustees

Response to the Gospel
Our Attendance Last Week

Sunday April 28.....	373
Sunday School	38
Adult Bible Study.....	55
Life Light	13

Our Offerings

General Fund.....	\$15,453.03
Online Offering.....	\$3,299.73
Total Gen. Fund Offering	\$18,752.76

Old Pictorial Directories

Free old Pictorial Directories are available in the fellowship hall, near the Coffee Table. After May 12, they will be thrown away. Help yourself.



Thank you, Lord! We have received ample donations in order to have our entire set of Communionware vessels replated. Half of the items will be refurbished first, so we have enough vessels to continue serving the Lord's Supper. Thank you to everyone who gave special donations in order that they could be restored to beauty and excellence!

Christ is risen! Memorial Day Sunday, May 26, our new Cemetery Cross will be dedicated to the glory of God. After the morning Service, come to St. John's Lutheran Cemetery (Luther Street, near Culver's) at NOON for a brief dedication ceremony.

Food Pantry

Our next distribution will be
Tues., May. 14th from 3-4.
Any donations for May will help the pantry
continue our outreach for those in need.



Vacation Bible School

Wish list for VBS: Different sizes of wicker baskets, oversized bib, red clown nose, cardboard, pool noodles (any color), primary colors of balloons, red plastic table cloths, white plastic table cloths, Thrivent cards and 8 to 10 Tidy Cats Plastic Containers.

MinistrySafe

All who work with youth in our congregation (as staff or volunteers) will complete our excellent MinistrySafe online Sexual Abuse Prevention Training. It's imperative that you let our VBS leaders know soon that you'll be volunteering so Mandy can send you the email link to your required training. Thank you for your service, and for being well-trained!



Wednesday, May 8, our Jr. Confirmation students (6th-8th grade) will be asked to volunteer in a St. John's Cemetery cleanup project. Light clean up in the Cemetery (on Luther Street, near Culver's) will be from 4:30-6:00pm, followed by pizza at the church. I hope all 6th-8th grade students will help us take care of our cemetery, beautifying it for Memorial Day. Parents: I'm asking you to transport your children to and from the cemetery (and stay to help with clean up, if possible). It will be fun and important! - *Pastor Burdick*

Vital Verse on Confirmation Sunday (for all of us):

[Jesus said,] "Do not fear what you are about to suffer. Behold, the devil is about to throw some of you into prison, that you may be tested, and for ten days you will have tribulation. Be faithful unto death, and I will give you the crown of life."

Revelation 2:10

Benefit Fundraiser for Seminary Student

Seminary Student Hunter Kinnison
Sunday, May 19, 2024
4:00 – 7:00pm
St. John Lutheran Church Parish Hall Dieterich
Meal - Carry-outs Available
See Bulletin Board for more information

Prayer List

Sara Bernhard, Catherine Zumwalt, Judy Latta, Cobert Mueller, Rick Thompson, John Romero, Linda Miller, & Rev. Gail Heimgartner;

LIFE QUOTE From Lutherans for Life

“The Ascension assures us that Jesus has finished His work of salvation and now rules ALL things in this world for the good of His Kingdom and His Church: that is, you and me! What is Christ’s goal that the song highlights? Jesus wants His Body, us, to be with Him where He is in paradise, in heaven.” *Rev. Darren Green, St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church, Redwood Falls, Minnesota – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*



CID Scholarship

Gift envelopes on Welcome Center. Central Illinois District Scholarship Sunday is May 5th. Gifts will be used to support our CID students who are attending an LCMS seminary or university to become a pastor, teacher, deaconess, or other called church worker. Please plan to make a generous gift now or on May 5th. Gifts may be designated “CID Scholarship Fund” to be used for the 2024-2025 school year or be designated “CID Scholarship Endowment Fund” to provide gifts every year for this ongoing need. Checks may be given through your church or sent to the Central Illinois District -LCMS, 1850 N. Grand Avenue West, Springfield, IL 62702-1626. Since the need for called workers is so great, we also ask you to encourage those who may be good candidates to consider pursuing a called church-worker vocation.

If you are considering a major gift, or would like to include scholarships for CID seminarians or church worker students in your estate planning or through a life insurance policy or IRA, please contact CID Planned Gift Counselor, Rev. Charles Olander, at (217) 416-8842 or c-olander@msn.com for assistance. Thank you.

Save the Dates

VBS Jun. 10th - 13th from 6 pm – 8 pm
Rummage Sale Aug. 1st – 3rd
Golf Outing Sat., Sept. 14th

“This Weeks Sunday School Lesson”

Lesson 3

In today’s lesson, “A Whirlwind Ascent,” Elijah takes Elisha along as they travel from place to place. Along the way, they meet the sons of the prophets, who warn Elisha of Elijah’s impending departure. Upon reaching the Jordan, Elijah parts the river with his cloak, allowing them to cross over. There, Elisha asks to receive a double measure of Elijah’s spirit. Chariots and horses of fire appear, and God takes Elijah to heaven in a whirlwind. Gathering his master’s cloak, Elisha continues the elder prophet’s work.



Lots of folks in our congregation listen to podcasts. Which ones do you find most helpful? Email me at mike.burdick@stjohnsLCMS.net and share your favorites. Here are three of mine:

- The World and Everything In It (www.wng.org)
- Issues, Etc (www.issuesetc.org)
- Tangible: Theology Learned and Lived (www.concordiatheology.org)

Stewardship Moment

1 John 5:3 – “For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome.” God’s commandments are not burdensome, but that’s only true for Christians precisely because we know that we are not saved by our keeping of the Law. We are saved by grace. Therefore, we are set free by grace to walk in newness of life, to grow in faithfulness, and rejoice in the Law of the Lord, loving God and our neighbor by keeping His commandments.

CALENDAR-----May 5 – May 11, 2024

Sunday	5	8:00 a.m.	Worship Services w/HC
		9:15 a.m.	Sunday School – Children Only
		10:30 a.m.	Worship Service w/HC; Rite of Confirmation
		7:00 p.m.	Man Up
<i>Preschool -- Monday – Friday 8:30 – 11:30 a.m.</i>			
Monday	6	5:30 p.m.	Choir Practice
		6:15 p.m.	Board of Education
		6:30 p.m.	Worship Committee
Tuesday	7	5:30 p.m.	Board of Trustees
		7:00 p.m.	Lydia Guild
Wednesday	8	9:00 a.m.	Preschool Graduation
		1:00 p.m.	Office Staff Meeting
		1:00 p.m.	Stephen Ministry
		4:30 p.m.	Confirmation Youth Cleanup St. John's Cemetery
		5:15 p.m.	Bell Practice
		6:30 p.m.	Board of Elders
Thursday	9	9:00 a.m.	Preschool Graduation
		6:30 p.m.	Ascension Service – Immanuel, Altamont
Friday	10		Pastor Burdick's Sabbath
Saturday	11	8:00 p.m.	Praise Band Practice
		8:30 a.m.	Work day at Parsonage
		5:30 p.m.	Worship Service w/HC; Bells will be playing

Birthdays This Week

5/5 Mary Brown
 5/6 Fred Meislahn, & Troy Probst
 5/7 Bev Kopplin, Jim Klein, Kal Keitel,
 Richard Wendling, & Stephanie Gordon
 5/8 Graham Wendling, Kara Koester,
 Kaylynn Moeller, & Tamara Root
 5/9 David Wells, & Kelsey Boerngen
 5/10 Jack Jansen, & Pamela Williams
 5/11 Greg Seggelke, Henrietta Poe, &
 Jacob Flach

Anniversaries This Week

5/6/1978 Don & Faith Donaldson
 5/7/2021 Lucas & Lauren Stortzum
 5/10/2001 Don & Christa Tieffel
 5/10/1975 Mike & Sandra Mietzner
 5/11/2019 Brandon & Candra Kronewitter